(b) if so, by when the services are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Direct Suburban trains between Bolaram-Falaknuma-Umdanager have been provided from 11.6.2001.

Completion of Nangal-Talwara rail-link

†730. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister and Members of Parliament of Himachal Pradesh have written letters to the Minister with a request to allocate more funds for early completion of construction work of Nangal-Talwara and Kamli-Parwanoo rail-line;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the snails pace with which funds are being allocated for Nangal-Talwara rail-line, these rail lines will not be completed even in next 25 years; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking for early completion of said rail lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A request has been received for allocation of more funds for expeditious completion of Nangal Dam-Talwara rail line. For Kamli-Parwanoo rail line, no such request has been received.

(b) Due to constraint of resources, the work is being regulated as per their availability. The target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.

(c) Allocation of funds, which was Rs. 8 crore during 2000-2001 has been enhanced to Rs. 10 crore during the current financial year.

Rail Bridges in Madhya Pradesh

731. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many rail bridges are in India;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.